

Minutes of Meeting
Sangamon County Historic Preservation Commission
August 2, 2023

Members Present: Chuck Pell, Chairman
Bob Sherman, Vice Chairman
Thomas Bazan
Tabitha Bock
Jeanette Goza
Tina Lathan
Dean Williams

Members Absent: Molly Berns, Mike Brooks, & Aakash Raut

Staff Present: Schyler Thomas

Call to Order: A quorum being present, Chairman Pell called the meeting to order at 4:08 PM.

Approval of Minutes: Chairman Pell entertained a motion to approve the July minutes. A motion to approve the July minutes was made by Commissioner Sherman and was seconded by Commissioner Bazan. The voice vote to approve was unanimous.

Chairman's Report/Comments: Chairman Pell noted he was able to accomplish all of Commission Bazan's edits. Chairman Pell noted a couple of weeks ago he and Commissioner Sherman met and did not finish going through the nomenclature. Chairman Pell encouraged all the Commissioners to complete a survey.

Old Business: Chairman Pell asked staff member Thomas to bring up the latest draft of the barn book so the Commission could go through the updated draft. Chairman Pell noted the overall barn location map is no longer valid so staff member Prather will have to update the map in terms of the new page numbers for each barn. The Commission then paged through the barn book. Commissioner Bazan noted some of the barns with multiple photos still had Latin and noted the text would need to be removed or a write-up would need to be provided. Commissioner Bock asked if the Commission would need permission from individuals who may be included in the photographs. Chairman Pell noted that is a good point and maybe another item the Commission will need to address. Chairman Pell noted the next thing would be for him to get together with Commissioner Sherman again to finish the barn nomenclature.

Chairman Pell stated Commissioner Williams would provide the Commission with an update on the CLG grant application. Commissioner Williams reported he went and spoke with Jon Pressley regarding whether the barn book would qualify for a CLG grant. Commissioner Williams noted Jon Pressley wanted to know what the Commission would do with the barn book, to which Commissioner Williams replied it would be an e-book, and then with the grant hard copies could be printed to distribute copies to all the libraries in Sangamon County, and also conduct lectures with various organizations. Commissioner Williams noted the Commission will keep track of the gas and mileage as well as the time spent on the barn book to go toward the sweat equity. Commissioner Williams stated Jon Pressley told him this project should "fly". Commissioner Williams reported he has a meeting scheduled with Jon Pressley for next week to show him a draft proposal of the barn book project. Commissioner Williams noted the Commission will have to go through the Finance Committee of the Sangamon County Board for

approval before applying for the grant. Commissioner Williams requested a copy of the barn book on a flash drive to take to Jon Pressley to show him the Commission's progress and what the Commission still needs to accomplish. Commissioner Williams noted he talked to some school board officials and they noted the book would be a good addition to the schools. Chairman Pell stated he would have staff member Prather send the barn book to all the Commissioners through WeTransfer. Commissioner Bazan asked if Commissioner Williams got the impression from Jon Pressley that the Commission would be able to apply for a CLG grant with the barn book project, and Commissioner Williams stated absolutely. Chairman Pell clarified that this would not be a grant application yet this year because the Commission would have to wait until next year's grant cycle. Commissioner Bock stated the Commission would provide Jon Pressley an outline of what the Commission is going to do and see if there is anything the Commission is missing. Commissioner Bazan clarified that the publishing of the book would be what is covered by the grant and the sweat equity would be achieved through editing, producing, and presenting. Commissioner Bock noted approximately 200 books could be printed and distributed to all the libraries and historical commissions in the County. Chairman Pell noted the barn location map in the front of the book may have to wait to be updated until the Commission would receive a grant and potentially staff member Prather's time could be part of the sweat equity if Executive Director Berns would allow that.

New Business: None

Initial Recommendation for New Landmark Applications: None

Member Reports: Commissioner Bock stated she will send out the list she created of all the various libraries in the County for the Commission to review.

Commissioner Sherman noted he may reach out to the Commissioners based on the barn assignments to determine if any of the barns could still get inside photographs so a write-up could get generated.

Commissioner Williams noted he finished a new motion picture "American Criminals" and encouraged the Commissioners to go on the web and check it out as it is filmed on the old Route 66 and features an old 1920 Model A at two different locations in Sangamon County. Commissioner Williams also reported he got the Sheriff's recruitment video completed.

Staff Reports: None

Public Comment: None

Additional Comments: None

Adjourn: Chairman Pell entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Goza made a motion to adjourn the August meeting with Commissioner Bock seconding the motion. The voice vote to approve was unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 4:41 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Emily Prather